

bill read third time and passed, by the following two-thirds vote:

YEAS—Senators Braswell, Brown, Burney, Cook, Coppedge, Dalrymple, Foscue, Guinn, Jowers, Knox, Littleton, McDade, Nelson, Neyland, Parker, Randolph, Record, Reed, Saufley, Shannon, Shelley, Truitt and Yarbrow—23.

NAYS—Senator Bumpass—1.

A bill for the relief of the Brazos Manufacturing Company, on its second reading. Substitute reported by the committee taken up and adopted.

Bill read second time and ordered to be engrossed.

A bill to select Special Judges in particular cases, on its second reading. Substitute reported by the committee taken up.

Upon motion of Senator Shelley, the second enacting clause was stricken out.

Upon motion of Senator Guinn, the words "16th section" were added.

Pending adoption of the substitute, upon motion of Senator Dalrymple the Senate adjourned until to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

SENATE CHAMBER, }
August 29, 1866. }

Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Roll called—quorum present.

Journal of yesterday read and adopted.

Senator Shelley presented memorial of G. W. Paschal, as to his Digest of the Laws of Texas, &c.

Referred to Committee on the Judiciary.

Senator Bumpass reported from the Committee on Printing as follows:

Hon. Geo. W. Jones, President of the Senate:

"The Committee on Printing, to whom was referred the resolution requiring "all bills and resolutions, whether originating in the Senate or House of Representatives, before action is taken thereon, that the same shall be published, and each member of the Senate shall be furnished with a copy thereof, at least one day prior to the discussion, amendment, or final passage of the same," having had the same under consideration, beg leave to submit the following report:

That while your committee are of opinion that it is important that each member of the Senate should fully understand the provisions and bearings of each and every bill and resolution before they are called upon to vote thereon, yet there are so many bills of a private character, and others of minor importance, in which no one feels any particular interest, except those asking for their passage, which bills, if printed, would cost the State a considerable amount of money without any material benefit accruing therefrom to any one; and believing it to be the duty of the Legislature to be as economical in their expenditure as the public necessity will admit, they return said resolution, and recommend that it be not adopted.

JOHN K. BUMPASS, Chairman.

Senator Neyland made the following report :

Hon. Geo. W. Jones, President of the Senate :

The Committee on Engrossed Bills have examined and find correctly engrossed the following bills, viz :

A bill to be entitled "An Act to make an appropriation to pay the funeral expenses of Hon J. W. Guinn, deceased."

A bill to be entitled "An Act to authorize James E. Harrison, Sr., to construct a toll bridge over Tehuacana creek, in the county of McLennan, Texas."

A bill to be entitled "An Act for the relief of the Brazos Manufacturing Company."

A bill to be entitled "An Act transferring the settlement of the estate of Ailen Urquhart, deceased, from the County Court of Titus county to the County Court of Marion county."

A bill to be entitled "An Act making an appropriation for the mileage and per diem pay of J. B. Boyd, delegate to the Texas State Convention."

W. M. NEYLAND,

Chairman of Committee on Engrossed Bills.

Senator Blount made the following report :

Hon. Geo. W. Jones, President of the Senate :

The Committee on Printing, to whom was referred a resolution in relation to inaccuracies in the published proceedings of the Senate in the Gazette and Intelligencer, having had the same under consideration, beg leave to submit the following report :

That the publishers of the Gazette and Intelligencer frequently call on the Secretary of the Senate for the journals before they are fully made out, and obtain them written in a short or abridged hand, and frequently interlined, from which they make their publications. The consequence is that they frequently

misconstrue the language intended to be used by the Secretary, and publish some things which are not contained in the journals as furnished them by the Secretary of the Senate; but your committee are of opinion that such inaccuracies will not occur in the future, as they are satisfied that the publishers of the papers referred to will be more careful in their publications. They therefore recommend that no further action be taken on the subject by the Senate at this time.

J. M. BLOUNT, for Committee.

Senator Jowers introduced a bill to be entitled "An Act regulating the collection of debts, and for other purposes."

Read first and second times, and referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Senator Shelley introduced a bill to be entitled "An Act to purchase Paschal's Digest of the Laws of Texas."

Read first and second times, and referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Senator Cook introduced a bill to be entitled "An act supplementary to and amendatory of an act entitled an act, regulating sequestrations, approved March 15, 1848."

Rule suspended, bill read by caption, and referred to Committee on Judiciary.

A bill to select special Judges in certain cases, on which the Senate adjourned yesterday, the consideration of which was resumed.

Substitute adopted.

Senator Shelley moved that it be made the order of the day, September 12, 1866.

Senator Reed moved to lay the whole subject matter upon the table.

Lost.

Senator Record moved to lay the motion to postpone on the table.

Lost.

The question recurring on motion to postpone until September 12th, was put and motion carried.

SPECIAL ORDERS OF THE DAY.

A bill for regulation of Pilots.

Read second time.

Senator Selman moved to suspend the rule in regard to taking up special orders of the day, so as to enable him to make a report.

Carried.

Senator Selman, Chairman of Joint Committee on Judicial Districts, reported a bill dividing the State into convenient Judicial Districts.

COMMITTEE ROOM, }
Aug. 27, 1866. }

To the Hon. G. W. Jones, President of the Senate, and Hon. N. M. Burford, Speaker of the House :

The Joint Special Committee, to whom was referred the duty of dividing the State of Texas into convenient Judicial Districts, have had the same under consideration, and a majority of said committee instruct us to make the following report :

Your joint committee, after adopting the following resolution, proceeded to district the State as follows :

Resolved, That in re-districting the State into Judicial Districts, the committee begin with the First District, and proceed to district the State, north, east and west, preserving the original numbers as far as practicable.

Thereupon, your committee proceeded to divide the State into districts, as follows :

The following counties compose the

1st Judicial District, to-wit—Brazoria, Matagorda, Wharton, Colorado, Fayette, Jackson, Fort Bend and Bastrop.

3d Judicial District—Counties of Galveston, Harris, Austin, Washington and Burleson.

15th Judicial District, shall be composed of the following counties, to-wit : Chambers, Liberty, Polk, Trinity, Angelina, Tyler, Jasper, Newton, Orange, Jefferson and Hardin.

10th District—Counties of Calhoun, Victoria, Lavaca, Refugio, Gonzales, DeWitt and Goliad.

2d District—Counties of Travis, Guadalupe, Caldwell, Hays, Blanco, Kendall and Comal.

13th District—Counties of Walker, Grimes, Brazos, Montgomery, Madison, Robertson, Leon, Freestone, Limestone and Navarro.

9th District—Counties of Nacogdoches, Cherokee, Houston, Anderson, Henderson, Van Zandt and Smith.

6th District—Counties of Sabine, San Augustine, Shelby, Pannola, Rusk, Harrison and Upshur.

14th District—Counties of Nueces, San Patricio, Live Oak, Karnes, Bee, Wilson and Bexar.

8th District—Counties of Davis, Bowie, Red River, Lamar, Hopkins, Titus, Marion and Wood.

16th District—Counties of Kaufman, Dallas, Tarrant, Parker, Hill, Palo Pinto, Johnson, Ellis, Jack and Young.

12 District—Counties of Cameron, Hidalgo, Starr, Zapata, Webb, LaSalle, Duval and Dimmitt.

17th District—Counties of Williamson, Burnett, Llano, San Saba, Mason, Menard, McCulloch, Concho, Runnels, Coleman, Brown, Lampasas and Kimball.

18th District—Counties of Kerr, Gillespie, Atascosa, Uvalde, Medina, Kinney, Maverick, Bandera, Edwards, Frio, Zavalla and Dawson.

19th District—Counties of Falls, Milam, Bell, Coryell, Hamilton, Comanche, Erath, Bosque and McLennan.

20th District—Counties of Hunt, Collin, Denton, Wise, Archer, Clay, Montague, Cook, Grayson and Fannin.

11th District—Counties of El Paso, Presidio and Worth.

The 4th, 5th and 7th Judicial Districts were divided and parcelled out to other districts, reducing the number of Judicial Districts from twenty to seventeen. And your committee submit the accompanying bill, and recommend the passage of the same. All of which is respectfully submitted.

B. T. SELMAN,

Chairman on part of the Senate.

J. D. GIDDINGS,

Chairman on part of the House.

NOTE—While I think, being the introducer of the resolution creating the committee, and being chairman thereof, it is my duty to join in the report of the action of that committee, I am not willing that the report and bill should go before the Senate without some expression of my unqualified disapprobation of the same.

B. T. SELMAN,

Chairman on part of the Senate.

On motion of Senator Guinn, the report and bill was taken up, and bill read first time.

Senator Guinn moved to have 250 copies of report and bill printed.

Carried.

SPECIAL ORDERS OF THE DAY.

The hour having arrived for the consideration of Governor's message in regard to appointment of Notaries Public,

Senator Dalrymple moved to postpone the further consideration of the the message until 11 o'clock to-morrow.

Carried.

The Senate resumed the further consideration of the bill regulating Pilots.

Senator Foscue moved to strike out the words beginning in the ninth line at word "or." Strike out the following :

"Or if she has come in without the aid of a Pilot, though offered outside, she shall in so going out be liable for the payment of half pilotage to the Pilot who has first offered his services before she come in."

Senator Shelley offered the following substitute to the amendment :

Strike out the words "who had first offered his services before she came in."

Carried.

Amendment lost, and bill read second time and passed.

Message received from the House, announced the passage of a House bill for the relief of the Houston and Texas Central Railroad.

Senator Shelley moved to take up the bill for the refurnishing and repairing of the Executive Mansion.

Carried.

Bill read first time.

On motion of Senator Guinn, the rule was suspended.

Bill read second time.

Senator Foscue offered the following amendment :

After the words "Mansion" in first section, add the words "and improving the grounds."

Senator Foscue moved to strike out "eleven thousand" wherever it occurs and insert "eight thousand."

Adopted.

Senator Bumpass moved to strike out "eight" where it occurs and insert "five." Which was lost by the following vote :

YEAS—Senators Bumpass, Cooley, Selman and Truitt—4.

NAYS—Senators Braswell, Blount, Boyd, Brown, Burney, Cook, Coppedge, Dalrymple, Foscue, Guinn, Jowers, Knox, Littleton, McDade, Nelson, Neyland, Parker, Randolph, Record, Reed, Saufley, Shannon, Shelley, Stell and Yarbrow—25.

Senator Cook proposed to amend as follows :

"Provided the work be let out to the lowest bidder after published proposals in the State Gazette in the city of Austin.

Adopted.

On motion of Senator Foscue, the rule was suspended.

Bill read third time and passed.

Senator Shannon made the following report from Committee on Indian Affairs.

Hon. G. W. Jones, President of the Senate :

The Committee on Indian Affairs, to whom was referred a bill to provide for the protection of the frontier of the State of Texas, have had the same under consideration, and a majority of said committee instruct me to report the accompanying substitute, and recommend its passage.

WM. R. SHANNON, Chairman.

Report received.

On motion of Senator Shelley, the President of the Senate was excused from attendance for three weeks.

On motion of Senator Selman, the Secretary of the Senate was excused for to-day.

On motion of Senator Record, the Senate adjourned until 10 o'clock to-morrow.

SENATE CHAMBER, }
August 30, 1866. }

Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Roll called—quorum present.

Journal of yesterday read and adopted.

Senator Shelley in the Chair.

Upon motion of Senator McDade, the Senate proceeded to elect a President *pro tem*.

Senators McDade, Sausley and Knox were appointed tellers.

Senator Shannon nominated Senator R. H. Guinn.

Senator Guinn received 27 votes, and Senator Burney 1 vote.

Senator Guinn having received a majority of all the votes cast, was declared duly elected President *pro tem*.

Senator Truitt, Chairman of Committee on Private Land Claims, reported as follows :

Hon. G. W. Jones, President of the Senate :

The Committee on Private Land Claims, to whom was referred the petition of Peter Norton, asking for one-third of a league of land, as the assignee of John Bruymiens, have maturely considered the same, and a majority of the committee instruct me to report the accompanying bill, and recommend its passage.

JAMES TRUITT, Chairman.

I dissent from the above report for the following reasons :

The evidence shows that John Bruymiens was a volunteer in the army of Texas in the years 1835 and 1836, probably a member of the "New Orleans Greys."